The Romance of Two Loves and a Sceptre.



"The Puppet Crown" is one of the strongest, most stirring tales of adventure ever written. By many competent critics it is considered equal in most respects to the best work of Sir Walter Scott. An exquisite love story underlies the sterner passages. and renders the book intensely interesting to young and old alike. The author, a young Westerner, has a brilliant future; but in no other book can he hope to score a greater popular success than "The Puppet Crown." It is decidedly the foremost romantic novel of the year.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Eastern Europe, ruled by King Leopold of Osia.
Leopold has been placed on the throne by the lowers to the exclusion of the rightful heir, Duke Just of Auersperg. He is surrounded by Ministers mainly devoted to the Auersperg interests. These Ministers induce him to plungs purpose was Fitzgerald must remain in the face was averted.

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"Countess, you are too charming a purpose was Fitzgerald must remain in tended, but the face was averted.

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One morning as Maurice crossed the main thall of the chateau to join the such strates the plot by buying the main thall of the chateau to join the chateau to join the chateau to join the purpose was Fitzgerald's son. He refuses to sell them. She can plans to rob him of them when he shall me to Bleiberg to renew the loan. Falling in picked it up—and read it.

infatuated with the mysterious Sylvia Decidedly you are clever. O, how care-Amerbach; until he had reached that less! Not even in cipher, so that he state of utterbling adoration that only who reads may run. And who is B.?comes to those slow-natured men who Beauvais! Something told me that this pass the age of thirty before loving. Countess Herzberg, tried hard to make too. fool irritated Mme. Sylvia by constantly ways to forget what I wish to remem-

the page of the illustrated paper that name printed beneath it, had caused his they galloped away.

what labyrinth would it lead him? A strange adventure, indeed; so strange cheeks were rosy and her hair as yellow miserable game. But I love Madame; that he was of half a mind that he dreamed. Prisoners. • • • Why? And "Well, then, for love." He shortened these two women alone in this old his rein. "Apropos, have you ever been chateau, a house party. There lay be-low all this some deep design. in love, Countess?"

"I? What a que

Should be warn his friend? Indeed, as yet, of what had he to warn him? To discover Madame to Fitzgereld would e to close the entrance to this labywould Madame act, now that she knew

Fitzgerald was more and more hostess when I return from the ride. Perhaps I am now too late. Madam-

"Hang my memory, which seems atwhistling the "Voici le Sabre," air from ber and remember what I wish to former.
"La Grande Duchesse," and kept his get! Where have I met this man Beauget! Where have I met this man Beaueyes open for some solution to the mys- vais before?" He went on to meet the Counters

They mounted and rode down the long "What a day!" said the Counters, as

"Aye, for plots and war and love!" "For plots and war?" demurely. Her

"I? What a question!" "Have you?"

war," gazing across the valley.
"No, of love," he insistel. "I am

love."

"The woman I love is too far away, which were filled with a

o I am going to give up thinking of

"A discovery, Monsieur? What is it?"

After all * * * But he quelled the

simself with the tangled mane of his

one writes such messages as these, one rooms. I fear that the consols and many controls are carried to "The Red Chateau," one of the Duches's residences. There they meet I woman who says she is Mme. Sylvia Amerbach, an emissary of the Duches's marries cach night.

"Why—not—the—pantry maid?" Maurice at the British Legation. As usual, a courier will at the British Legation. As usual, a courier will love! And such a man as Fitzgerand are keeping to the British Legation. As usual, a courier will love! And such a man as Fitzgerand are keeping to the British Legation. As usual, a courier will love! And such a man as Fitzgerand are keeping to the British Legation. As usual, a courier will love! And such a man as Fitzgerand woman. He has been a soldier all his read the message again. "What plan?" By the British Legation at the British Legation. As usual, a courier will love! And such a man as Fitzgerand woman. He has been a soldier all his read the message again. "What plan?" By the British Legation at the British Legation. As usual, a courier will love! And such a man as Fitzgerand woman. He has been a soldier all his read the message again. "What plan?" By defend mysen.

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reasons. She went to you. You were man had a hand in the affair. I re. less. She has decked me out as one would deck a monkey (and doubtless she

oung nobles, used to slash each other have spoken. Countess be frank with me, as frank as I have been with you; have I not guessed rightly?"

I would sacrifice my pride and my heart "I can believe that."

I had given my promise. A woman has tred a frightened cry and fled down the but little to offer to her country; I have pantryway. offered my pride, and I am a proud woman, Monsteur. I am ashamed. I he muttered aloud. "I wanted to ask bowing, am glad that you spoke, for it was be- her some questions."

Just no om glad that you spoke, for it was be-coming unbearable to throw myself at "Ask them of me, Monsieur," said a good deal. "Of what are you talking?

that we shall be friends."

a man whose heart I knew intuitively to be elsewhere." She raised her eyes, which were filled with a strange lusire. "Will you forgive me, Mensieur?"

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"With all my heart, For now I know that we shall be friends."

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"Add mmind what our friend, Col. Because in his recent dispatch in his recent dispatch on the floor this morning. Allow me to return it to you. I have kept silent, and he laughed. Madame ignored this Madame, because I did not know how the griden.

"What a beautiful world it is!" sailed.

Without a word she led the way to the griden.

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my kindness?" a pretty waltress. "And believe me when I say that the caught her face between his hands and kindness, I have just discovered it is of oment I saw you I knew that my imprinted a kiss on her left cheek. Sud- a most dangerous quality."
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the Countess with the same sense of

"You have dared—?" her lips pressed and her eyes thundrous. "To read it? Aye. I am a prisoner:

"That," said he, "sounds like a

aside. She began to lose patience. Her boot patted the sol. "Monsieur, since the countess is not high enough, since gold and honors have no charm, listen."

I am listening, Madame."

standing." She raired her hand and made a sign, and the troopers took themselves off. "Now you may so to the countess, if you wish: though I dare say that she will not find you in the best of tempers."

"I dare say she won't," said Maurice.

(To be continued.)

COME DOWN FROM CROTON AND FILL UP A WATER PIPE.

Mother, 31-2 Feet Long, and Ten Little Ones on the Excursion.

Upon attempting to draw beer for several customers this morning. Louis Engel, a saloonkeeper at One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street and Third ave-nue, experienced great mental anguish. The beer pump failed to work and the customers went elsewhere. Engel tinkered with the pump for an

hour. Finally, in his desperation, he

hour. Finally, in his desperation, he telephoned to Hupfel's brewery for a man to come and fix the pump.

One Alsing, an expert on pumps, responded. He decided that there was a deficiency of water pressure and discovered that no water was coming in from the street. The trouble was traced from the street. The trouble was traced to the connection between the street main and the beer pump in the cellar. Alsing unscrewed the connection and

out p ped what he thought was a sea ! serpent. In fact it was an eel three and a half feet long and five inches in diameter. It was a female cel and accompanying her were ten of her off-The cellar was full of eels in a minute. With the ald of buckets and fish

nets Alsing caught them all. He slew the large eel and took it home with him. The beer pump was repaired and the loss of customers was stopped. The eel, which had wandered from her own home up Croton way, was the largest of the fresh water variety take the place of turkey on Alsing's

PORTER STOLE \$200 RING.

Found It in Pullman Car-Confessed-May Get a Year.

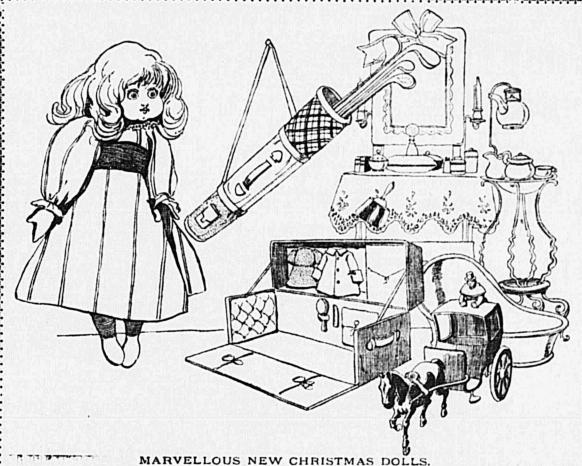
dinner table to-day.

Abram Brown, a Puliman porter on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was held for trial in Jersey City to-day by Judge Hoos for taking a \$200 diamond ring which he found in the dressingroom of his car. Henry Kaiser, wealthy manufacturer of Bloomington, Ill., was the owner.

Brown has confessed. If convicted he is liable to a year's imprisonment.

Sunday is the day to advertise you. wants. Greatest circulation in existence. Get in.

TWENTIETH CENTURY DOLL UP ON ALL THE NEW FADS.



ever caught in these parts. It will description of the parts of the pa The day of the wax doll that opens have liverled servants—maids, a butler, cost from \$1.50 to \$10. Bath tubs alone, and shuts her eyes and says "Mamma" walters and so on. Some of them have in tin, may be secured for from 20 cents when you press her little stomach has eabs—the newest novelty a mechanical to \$1.75. when you press her little stomach has cabs-the newest novelty, a mechanical gene. The doll of to-day is quite a little hansom with a lifelike little horse and 129 to \$30 gene. The doll of to-day is quite a little hansom with a lifelike little horse and lady, if you please. She must have her a coachman in livery. Her dollship is and ribbon and have sterling silver bath regularly, and she fount have

ances for keeping house and cooking food. She is her little mistress in miniature.

That the doll of the twentieth century may be bathed without harm to her she is made of celluloid or prepared rubber. She is every bit as handsome as her obsolete wax sister and much more durable. She has pliable joints and can stand up and bow. Her clothes are all stand up and bow. Her clothes are all to \$33. That the doll of the twentieth century may be bathed without harm to her she is made of celluiold or prepared rubber. She is every bit as handsome as her obsolete wax sister and much more durable. She has pliable joints and can giand up and bow. Her clothes are all made for her, and can be put on and taken off by the child who owns her.

Has Her Own Servants.

She lives in a perfectly appointed little house, and the real bon ton dalls

I taken off by the child who dalls are the companied by the child who owns her.

Has Her Own Servants.

I travel she packs the trunk and gets into it. The trunk is lined with corded and hats, all nicely placed in special mooks arranged for them. Fastened to the back of the trunk are the combs, brushes, soap and other necessaries for a dolly who is travelline. These dolls, trunks and all cost from 420 clock tea set. This is composed of a stand, a real cooper lamp, a real coper teak the and tiny cups and saucers, cream pitcher, sagar bowl and everything else necessary to the Twentieth contury. There are dolls' golf sets, Too.

There are dolls' golf sets. complete with bag and clubs, the clubs being also dolls' inches long: also dolls' inches long: also dolls' inches long: also dolls' inches long: also dolls in the bag and clubs, the clubs being also dolls in the bag and clubs, the clubs being also dolls in the bag and clubs, the clubs being also dolls in the cameras and dolls in the clubs and bout eight inches long: also dolls in the clubs and hats, all nicely placed in special mooks arranged for them. Fastened to the bag and clubs, the clubs being also dolls in the same and other had bout eight inches long: also dolls in the clubs being also dolls in the clubs and hats, all nicely placed in special mooks arranged for them. Fastened to the bag and clubs, the clubs being also dolls in the clubs and bout eight inches long: also dolls in the clubs and bout eight inches long: also doll

lady, if you please. She must have ner bath regularly, and she must have many changes of garments and appliances for keeping house and cooking food. She is her little mistress in minia
a coachman in livery. Her domain is tolled articles. There are made up findiature brooms, during the put in the cab, the machinery is wound up and off she rides to pay her calls.

Our new dell is a traveller. She has her little mistress in minia
food. She is her little mistress in minia
food. She is her little mistress in minia-And Golf Sets, Too.

CHARLES FROHMAN INDUCES HER TO RETURN.

Widow of H. C. Miner Had Retired but Will Revive "Sweet and Twenty."

Charles Frohman has induced Mrs. H Clay Miner, widow of the Congressman and theatriest manager, to resume her soap and in much less time. name of Annie O'Neill and go back to he stage under his management. She has signed contracts to reproduce

at the Madison Square Theatre on Dec. 30 the role of Joan Trevelyan in Basil Hood's comedy "Sweet and Twenty." which was the hit of her stage career. She recutly sold her fine residence on Riverside Drive and had settled at Red Bank, N. J., with her little son, intending never to go back to theatrical life.

SIX ELECTRIC STAGES.

More Will Be in Service on Fifth Avenue by New Year's.

Six electric stages begin service on the Fifth avenue line to-day, and by New Year's two more will be in operation. The horse stages will be gradually superseded by the electric vehicles. While the electric stages will run only as far north as Seventy-second street, transfers to the horse vehicles will be given to those who desire to go further porth. The southern terminus of the 10 cents will be charged for the trip.

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